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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tarifur R. Chowdhury

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 10, lines 1-2, "the source driver IC" and in line 4, "the gate driver IC" lack antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

For examination purposes it is assumed that claim 10 depends from claim 8 instead of claim 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

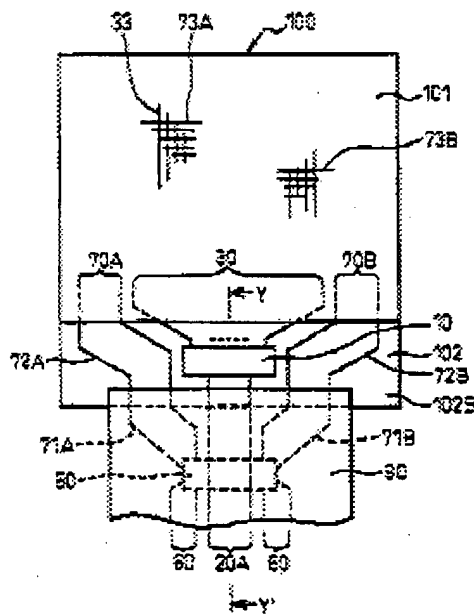
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 6, 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Togashi et al., (Togashi), US 2002/0044251.**
6. Togashi discloses (page 5, paragraph's: 0066-0070) and shows in Fig. 1, a liquid crystal display panel comprising:

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- a glass substrate having a display area and a peripheral circuit area positioned on a surface of the substrate;
- at least a first driver IC (10) positioned on the peripheral area of the substrate;
- a flexible printed circuit board (90) positioned at the outside perimeter of the peripheral circuit area on the same side as the first driver IC (10), the flexible circuit board having an extension portion comprising at least a second driver IC (50); and
- a plurality of conductive wires connected to the first driver IC, the second driver IC, and the display area of the substrate.

Fig.1



Accordingly, claims 6 and 12 are clearly anticipated.

As to claim 9, it is clear from Fig. 1 that the substrate is a rectangular.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. **Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Togashi.**

9. As to claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10 and 11, Togashi discloses and shows in Fig. 1 that the liquid crystal display panel (100) is a symmetrical liquid crystal display panel and can be applied to portable telephones (cell phones) (page 1, paragraph 0004). Togashi discloses a passive matrix type liquid crystal display and thus fails to explicitly disclose that the liquid crystal display panel is an amorphous silicon thin film transistor liquid crystal display panel and that the first and second driver IC's are source and gate driver IC's respectively. However, it is common and well known in the art to use an active matrix liquid crystal display panel using amorphous silicon thin film transistors and wherein the gate line driver circuits are known as gate driver IC and the data line driver circuits are known as data/source driver IC for several advantages such as to reduce crosstalk. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use the passive matrix display panel of Togashi as an active matrix display panel for advantages such as to reduce crosstalk.

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Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R. Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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